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Congressman Jim Hits Intelligence Info Leaks

James Weaver may be one of the newest members of Congress, but he has made it quite obvious that he isn't about to sit back meekly and let the more senior solons do all the work.

Ired by what appeared to him to be a great spouting of classified information by a number of paid mercenaries, Congressman Weaver let go with this blast:

"If national security decreed secrecy, it should have been maintained. Not only are we feeding the enemy propaganda, but the revelations are subjecting this country to embarrassment among our allies. We are also losing their confidence."

The targets of Rep. Weaver's head knocking apparently are the people, American and Cuban, who were hired by the Central Intelligence Agency for specific military duties during the abortive Cuban invasion in 1961.

With each passing month the Bay of Pigs debacle is becoming more painful to Americans in view of the tremendous Soviet buildup in Cuba and the subsequent missile crisis.

Looking back at the great potential of the Cuban invasion of liberation, most Americans see the historic failure as a lost chance to rid this hemisphere of the greatest danger to world peace.

But Rep. Weaver is of course quite right in his strong views about these

people who have contributed little but talked much.

We can understand how many members of Congress feel they have evidence to offer which will be beneficial in clarifying the Cuban situation for the American people.

Unfortunately some of their material has been quickly selected, hastily presented, and speedily proved of little value.

That the Central Intelligence Agency found some American pilots willing to work for \$1,900 per month means nothing to us, but reveals CIA workings to our Soviet enemy.

That some of these paid mercenaries lost their lives is regrettable. But like U-2 pilot Francis Powers they were not working as American patriots, but as soldiers of fortune. They bargained with their lives and lost.

A few days ago we jested about the lack of volunteers to fill the ranks of our armed forces, thus requiring an extension of the military draft laws.

Revelations about \$1,000-a-month operatives certainly don't further the interest of the United States, its low paid armed forces, or American security in general.

Real solid information about Cuba we demand. But like Rep. Weaver, we can do without the irrelevant junk and the intelligence leaks.

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